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THE TENNESSEE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION NAMES NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Nashville- Antonio Adams joins the staff of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission as deputy director. In addition to overseeing the day-to-day operations of the employment division of the agency; which includes supervising , training, and assigning investigative cases to staff in the regional and central offices (Knoxville, Memphis, Chattanooga and Nashville), Adams is responsible for developing and enforcing policies and procedures, assisting in the direction of programs relating to human rights on the statewide level and acting as liaison in the coordination of case review and submission with the U. S. Department of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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Prior to joining the Tennessee Human Rights, Adams worked extensively in the areas of labor and employment relations. He has worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority's Labor Relations Department, the Tennessee Center for Labor Management Relations, UAW, and served as the Administrator for the Tennessee OSHA Review Commission. Most recently, he served as a legal clerk with the Department of Workforce and Labor.

Adams received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology from East Tennessee State University, his Master of Science in Sociology (with a focus in industrial relations) from the Middle Tennessee State University and his Juris Doctorate from Thomas Cooley Law School.

The commission's role, by means of enforcement and education, is to safeguard the citizens of Tennessee from discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodation in regard to race, creed, color, religion, sex, disability, age (over 40), national origin, and familial status.

For more information on the THRC, its role, policies or the laws that govern the agency, call 1-800-325-9664 or visit the agency's website at www.state.tn.us/humanrights/.

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